

# FACILITIES IN KINGS CANYON PARK & USFS AREAS

## Grant Grove Area

### GRANT GROVE VILLAGE

6600' (2008 m) elevation. This was originally General Grant National Park, created in 1890 to protect sequoias from logging. Here you can see both a pristine grove & one that was logged in the 1800s. In addition to picnicking and horseback riding (see page 3), the village offers:

#### INFORMATION

- **Kings Canyon Park Visitor Center (NPS):** Daily 8am-6pm through 9/3, then 8am-5pm. New exhibits and 15-minute orientation movie! Books, maps, first aid. Local wilderness permits issued 8am-5pm through 9/3, then 8am-4pm. 1-559-565-4307.

#### FOOD & SHOPS (KCPS)

- **Restaurant:** Daily 7am-2pm & 5-9pm through 9/3, then 8am-2pm & 5-7pm (Friday & Saturday until 8pm).
- **Gift Shop:** Daily 8am-9pm through 9/3, then 9am-7pm (Friday & Saturday until 8pm). Souvenirs, film, clothing. ATM in lobby.
- **Market:** Daily 8am-9pm through 9/3, then 9am-7pm (Friday & Saturday until 8pm). Supplies, bear canisters, emergency gasoline.

#### OTHER SERVICES

- **Camping & Lodging:** See page 10-11 for details.
- **Showers (KCPS):** Daily 11am-4pm.
- **Post Office:** Hours may vary. Monday-Friday, 9am-3:30pm, Saturday 9-11:30am. Lobby & stamp machine 24 hours. Visitor mail: c/o General Delivery, Kings Canyon NP, CA 93633. 1-559-335-2499.

## Cedar Grove Area

### CEDAR GROVE VILLAGE

4600' (1410 m) elevation. This glaciated valley features towering granite cliffs, tumbling waterfalls, and the powerful Kings River — “a rival to the Yosemite,” according to John Muir. In summer the area offers picnicking and horseback riding (see page 3), as well as:

#### INFORMATION & CAMPING (NPS)

- **Visitor Center:** Daily 9am-5pm through 9/4, then closed for season. 1-559-565-3793.
- **Wilderness permits:** At Road's End, 6 miles (9.6 km) east of the village. Daily 7am-3pm through 9/24.
- **Camping (NPS):** Details on page 11.

#### FOOD, LODGING & SHOPS (KCPS)

- **Restaurant:** Counter-service meals & snack bar (not a full-service restaurant). Daily 7am-2pm & 5-9pm through 9/3. Starting 9/4 weekdays 8-10:30am & 5-7pm; weekends 8am-2pm & 5-7pm.
- **Gift Shop & Market:** Salads, sandwiches, bear canisters, souvenirs, film, supplies. Daily 7am-9pm through 9/3, then 8am-7pm.
- **Lodging:** See page 10 for details.
- **Showers & Laundry:** Daily 7am-7pm through 9/3, then 8am-6pm. Last laundry load in by 1 hour before closing. Get shower key at market. Shower closed 1-3pm daily for cleaning.



### BIG STUMP PICNIC AREA & TRAIL CLOSED

Big Stump Trail and Picnic Area are temporarily closed and no public parking is available there. Please check the map on the back page for other picnic areas nearby, such as Columbine. Ask at visitor centers or ask a ranger for current information.

## USFS: National Forest & Monument

### HUME LAKE & BIG MEADOWS AREAS (FS)

Giant Sequoia National Monument, part of Sequoia National Forest, borders much of the western edge of these National Parks. You are in National Forest when you drive between the park areas of Lodgepole and Grant Grove, and between Grant Grove and Cedar Grove (see page 2 for more on Parks and Forests). It was sold to the government as a Forest Reserve in 1935. It is an excellent place to see recovery from intensive sequoia logging in the late 1800s. Snowy in winter, in summer it offers picnicking & horseback riding (see page 3) as well as:

#### INFORMATION

- **USFS Hume Lake District Office (FS):** 35860 Kings Canyon Road (Hwy 180) in Dunlap, 19 miles (31 km) west of Kings Canyon Park entrance at Big Stump. Weekdays 8am-4:30pm. From May-September, open 1st Saturday of each month & holiday weekends. Maps, books. 1-559-338-2251; [www.fs.fed.us/r5/sequoia](http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/sequoia).

#### OTHER SERVICES

- **Camping (FS) & Lodging (private):** See pages 10 & 11 for details.
- **Boyden Cavern:** On Hwy 180 between Grant Grove & Cedar Grove. Cave tours on the hour 10am-5pm. \$10 ages 14 & up; \$5 ages 3-13; under 3 free. AAA discounts. On Hwy 180 between Grant Grove & Cedar Grove. 209-736-2708.
- **Stony Creek Village (FS):** Lodging, market, showers. Market 7am-8pm (9pm Friday-Saturday); restaurant Tuesday-Sunday 11:30am-2pm & 5-8pm (9pm Friday-Saturday); closed Monday. Showers 8am-7pm. Reduced hours after 9/4. 1-866-KCANYON or 1-559-565-3909.
- **Montecito-Sequoia Resort (FS):** A permitted resort on public land open year-round. On Generals Highway, 9 miles (14.5km) south of Grant Grove. Breakfast 7:30-9am, lunch 12-1:30pm, dinner 5:30-7pm. Cabins, hotel, children's activities. 1-800-843-8677 or 1-559-565-3388.
- **Historic Guard Station at Big Meadows (FS)** See page 10.
- **Boat & Bicycle Rentals, Swimming, Fishing:** Private facilities open to public at Hume Lake, 8 miles (13km) north of Grant Grove on Hwy 180 then 3 miles (5 km) south on Hume Lake Road. 24-hour laundry (coin operated) & gas station (with credit card). Market: Sunday-Thursday 7am-11pm; Friday 7am-9pm; Saturday 7am-7pm. Snack bar: 11am-11pm daily. Reduced hours starting 9/5. Call for details: 1-559-335-2000.

#### GASOLINE SALES

See page 5 *Rules of the Road - Gasoline* for hours of Hume Lake, Stony Creek, and Kings Canyon Lodge.

## FREE NATURE PROGRAMS

These programs are offered through August 20; some will continue into September. Check visitor centers & bulletin boards for additional activities, details, and schedules.

#### IN GRANT GROVE

- **Daily 2pm - Grant Tree Walk:** Stroll this paved trail beneath the giant trees. Meet at Grant Tree parking lot. 1 hour, 1/3 mile.
- **Daily 3:30pm - Ranger's Choice:** Let us introduce you to some of the area's special features on an easy walk or talk. Check bulletin boards for topics. 1 hour.
- **Nightly - Evening Campfire:** Spend time under the stars learning about these parks. Meet at campground amphitheater. Check bulletin boards for times. Watch for a special program of fabulous photographs on August 20!

#### IN CEDAR GROVE

- **Daily Ranger Walks:** Join us in exploring the natural and cultural wonders of the canyon, such as Zumwalt Meadow, Kanawyer's Camp and Coppermine, and the Kings River. 1-2 hours.
- **Wednesday through Saturday - Evening Campfires.** Enjoy an hour together at the amphitheater near Cedar Grove Visitor Center.